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MANUFACTURER TO PAY PENALTY IN CASE INVOLVING MODULAR HOME DAMAGED IN STORM

JEFFERSON CITY—Four Seasons Manufacturing, Inc. has agreed to pay a \$3,000 penalty and implement a quality control procedure under an agreement approved by the Public Service Commission. The agreement resolves issues in a complaint brought against the Indiana-based manufacturer by the Director of the PSC's Manufactured Housing and Modular Units Program. The complaint, filed on April 7, 2006, came after an investigation into a March storm that damaged a modular home in Callaway County. The home, owned by Larry and Joyce King of Fulton, was partially blown off its foundation during a March 13, 2006, storm.

The Director of the Manufactured Housing and Modular Units Program filed a complaint against Four Seasons Manufacturing, Inc. alleging the manufacturer: 1) offered for sale a new modular unit home in Missouri which did not have the required Missouri "seal"; 2) failed to have on the home the required data plate indicating the codes to which the home was built; and 3) shipped the modular home into Missouri without current Commission approval of the plan for that modular unit.

Four Seasons Housing, Inc. will pay a \$3,000 penalty to the public school fund of the state under the terms of the agreement approved by the Commission. In addition, the manufacturer will implement a quality control procedure which has been approved by the PSC Manufactured Housing and Modular Units Program. That procedure includes a detailed description of the processes the manufacturer will use to conduct inspections of its homes and how those inspections will ensure that each home contains the proper Missouri seal and data plate affixed to it before being shipped to Missouri.

A separate complaint against Blakely Manufactured Homes of Fulton, Missouri is set for hearing before the Commission September 18-19, 2006. The nine count complaint alleges the Fulton dealer violated several Commission rules regarding the installation of the King modular home.